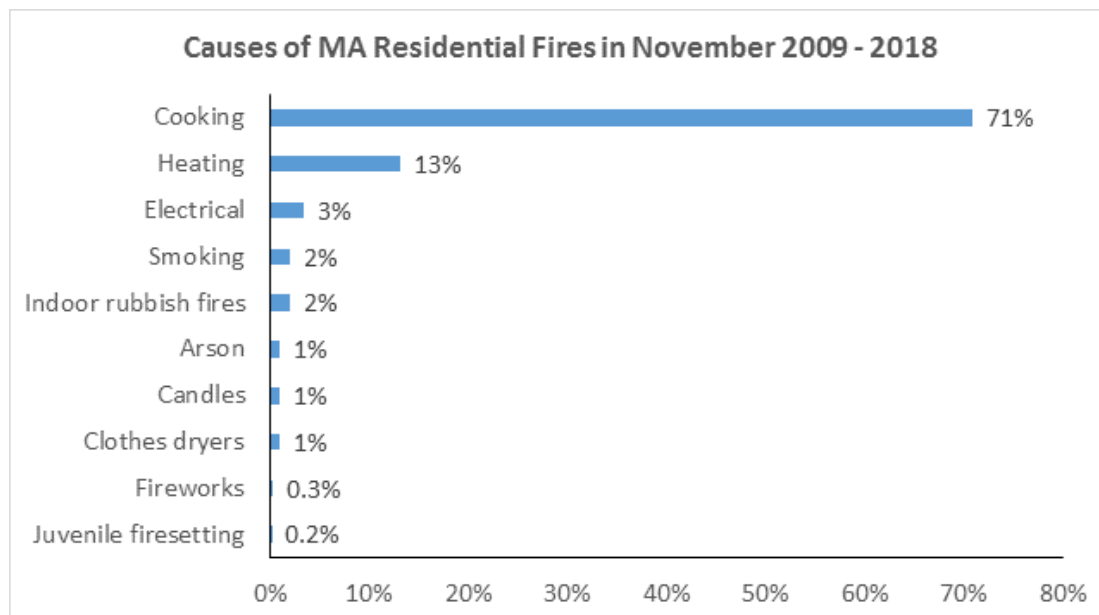

What's the Fire Risk in November?

Fire Data Based on MFIRS Reporting, November 2009 - 2018

- 8% of all fires throughout the year
- Average of 26 civilian injuries
- Average of 35 fire service injuries
- Average of 4 civilian deaths
- Average of \$17.2 million in dollars lost



Cooking continues to be the leading cause of residential fires, although cooking fires decreased this month.

Thanksgiving Day Fires

- Thanksgiving has the most fires of any other day in the year. In 2018, 145 fires were reported to MFIRS on Thanksgiving Day. 92% (133) of these fires occurred in people's houses.
- Heating fires increased from October.
- From 2014 – 2018, there were 651 fires on Thanksgiving, causing 5 civilian injuries, 7 fire service injuries and \$890,497 in losses.
- Thanksgiving Day had over twice (2.1 times) as many fires as the next closest day – Christmas Eve.

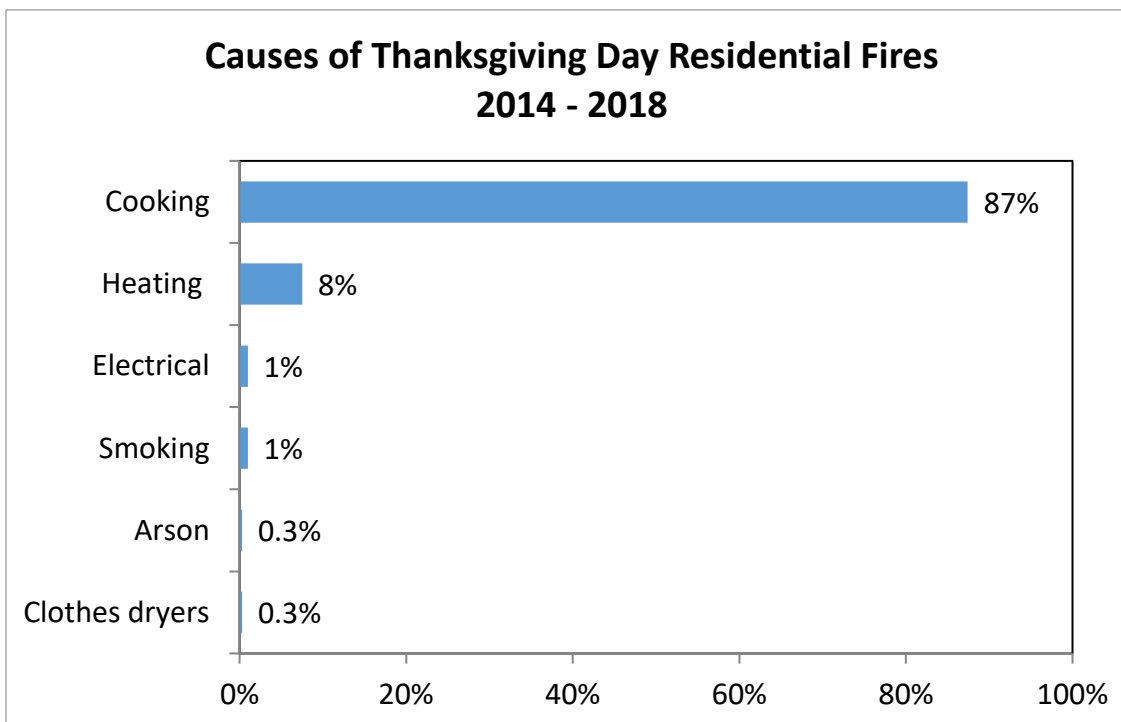
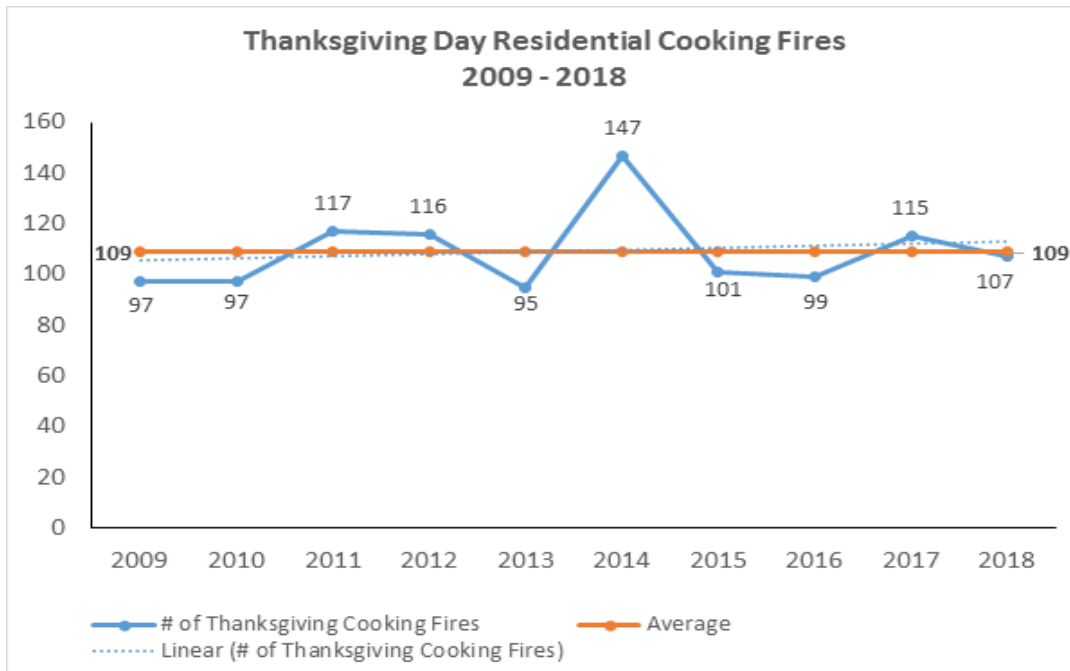
According to MFIRS

- No one died in a fire on Thanksgiving Day in the past five years!
- In the past five years there were only four deep fryer fires. There were none in 2018.
- In the past five years there were no candle fires on Thanksgiving Day.



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Educational Opportunities

Join us in November to promote our updated Cooking Fire Safety Public Awareness Campaign!

Our [cooking campaign](#) has tools for fire departments to promote cooking safety. The campaign promotes two key messages: *Stand By Your Pan* to prevent cooking fires, and *Put a Lid on It* as the best response to stove top fires. The tool kit includes palm cards, TV spots, radio spots, two firehouse chef recipes, newspaper ads, and more to help fire departments spread the word about cooking safety. The goal of this campaign is to reduce the number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season.



Keep Warm, Keep Safe During the Winter Heating Season



Use our *Keep Warm, Keep Safe* campaign to teach the public about winter heating safety.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fires in the state. The [Keep Warm, Keep Safe](#) campaign has a toolkit for fire educators to use to help prevent winter home heating fires. The campaign includes a logo, TV and radio spots to air locally, educational handouts to download, and a full color English/Spanish

pamphlet to order in quantity from the [Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse](#).

More Winter Heating Safety Tips to Share

- Have [chimney and wood stove](#) serviced before the heating season each year.
- Make sure smoke and CO alarms are less than 10 years old and are working.
- Make and practice a home escape plan with everyone in the household.
- Keep all exits clear of clutter and know two ways out of every room in the house.

Change Your Clock. Check Your Alarms.

November is the end of daylight savings time. As we “fall back,” this is a good time to remind people to check their alarms when they change their clocks. Learn more about the importance of maintaining smoke alarms on our [website](#).



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CHANGE YOUR CLOCK. CHECK YOUR ALARMS.

- Replace alarms every 10 years
- Test alarms monthly
- Change regular batteries twice a year



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